

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/511,796

Examiner

Mohammad Meah

Applicant(s)

SODE, KOJI

Art Unit

1652

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/27/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-7 and 32-55.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/9/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other facsimile.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given by Che Chereskin 03/23/2006 with a facsimile (attached herewith).

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

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Rewrite claim 44. "A recombinant DNA which encodes a protein having a substitution, deletion, insertion or addition of 1 to 5 amino acid residues in the protein which has at least the amino acid sequence comprising amino acids 23 to 425 of SEQ ID NO: 16 and having glucose dehydrogenase activity"

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant has cloned a novel recombinant DNA of SEQ ID NO: 15 encoding glucose dehydrogenase of SEQ ID NO: 16 from *Burkholderia cepacia*. Prior art does not teach or suggest the DNA of SEQ ID NO 15. As such the claimed DNA of SEQ ID NO: 15,

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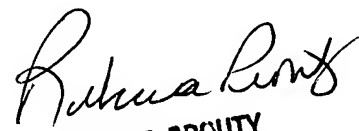
method of producing glucose dehydrogenase encodes by the said DNA using host cell containing vector expressed with said DNA, vector and host cell expressed with said DNA are novel and non-obvious.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammad Meah whose telephone number is 571-272-1261. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapu Achutamurthy can be reached on 571-272-0928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Our Reference No.: TOYA126.002APC

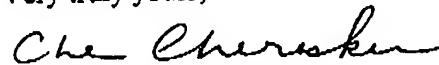
Dear Examiner Meah

Our client has approved amendment of claim 44 as shown below.

44. (Proposed amendment) A recombinant DNA which is ~~hybridizable with a nucleotide sequence consisting of nucleotides 187 to 1398 of SEQ ID NO: 15 under stringent conditions comprising 1xSSC, 0.1% SDS, and 60 °C, which has 90% or more homology to SEQ ID NO: 15, and which encodes a protein having a substitution, deletion, insertion or addition of 1 to 5 amino acid residues in the protein which has at least the amino acid sequence comprising amino acids 23 to 425 of SEQ ID NO: 16, and having glucose dehydrogenase activity.~~

Note that we have deleted reference to SEQ ID NO: 15 as we believe that this is already covered by claim 3. Please discuss with your supervisor if you can amend claim 44 as shown by Examiner's amendment. However, if there are further concerns, please contact me at (949) 721-6385.

Very truly yours,



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